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7 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 7 December 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Merchant,
Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn,
Mr. Smith

1. Codification of Policies

Mr. Gray said that the President has directed the codification of disarmament and nuclear test policies, to be accomplished jointly by State and Defense.

2. Medal for Mr. Murphy

Mr. Gray stated that arrangements have been made for the presentation of the National Security Medal to Mr. Robert Murphy, either just before or after the NSC meeting of December 19th.

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4. Policy on Africa

Mr. Gray and Mr. Smith commented on delays which have been encountered in updating the NSC policy papers on Africa, which has resulted in a corresponding delay in the preparation of appropriate operations plans. Mr. Merchant said that he would see what could be done to speed up the preparation within State of first drafts of new policy statements to be considered by the Planning Board.

It was agreed that the best way to proceed immediately would be to look at the existing policies and to make such amendments to them as are considered necessary at once, and not to hold up all updating until certain outstanding disagreements can be settled. In this connection it was noted that one of the points at issue is the extent to which policy toward the French African colonies should be carried on through, or in close coordination with, the appropriate metropolitan power. It was pointed out that in the case of Mali, France was not given a leading role.

5. Naval Task Force in Africa

Mr. Merchant said that all reports from West Africa indicate that the visits of the U. S. Naval task force to ports in that area have been a rousing success. This was particularly true of the stops at Freetown and the Ivory Coast. All personnel have behaved well and there have been no untoward incidents.

6. Release of Bomb Pictures

The Board then turned to a discussion of the morning's release of pictures of the atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Mr. Merchant commented that this could let us in for "five years of misery." Mr. Dulles concurred that the release and particularly the timing were unfortunate.

7. Teachers' Salaries

Mr. Merchant reported that he had reviewed the State Department report on the relation of teachers' salaries to radicalism in under-developed countries, and had decided that the conclusion of the report was correct, i. e. there is no direct correlation.

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Mr. Merchant went on to say that this study was admittedly not an exhaustive one but that it was probably not up to the State Department to conduct a more extensive survey. If it should be necessary, the report should be done by an outside agency. Mr. Gray said he would ask the President if he has any further interest in pursuing the matter.

8. "Public Affairs Group"

The Board then turned to the memo from Assistant Secretary Murray Snyder recommending the establishment of a high-level interagency group to consider the public relations aspects of various actions taken or contemplated. It was agreed that an organization meeting, to consist of representatives of State, Defense, USIA and CIA would take place on Friday.

Mr. Dulles said that if the committee were solely concerned with domestic publicity we should not be represented. The Board felt that the purpose was primarily to enhance the image of the U.S. abroad. The DCI said that in this case he would want to have the Agency represented and that since he would be out of town Friday he would send Mr. Parrott to the first meeting.

9. U.S. Scientific Accomplishments

The Board was informed that Mr. Kistiakowsky and his assistant, Mr. Beckler, are investigating how the U.S. Government might best organize itself to make sure that American scientific accomplishments are properly explained to foreign audiences.

10. Followup on General Assembly Speech

Mr. Merchant reported that the State Department has now completed its list of actions to be taken in order to implement various suggestions made in the President's last speech to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

11. Overseas Internal Security Programs

There was brief discussion of the extent to which the OCB is now concerned with OISP activity. It was pointed out that although


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this is no longer treated as a completely separate function it does figure prominently in a number of country and area operations plans.

12. Project Hope

There was a brief discussion of the activities of Project Hope in Indonesia.


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